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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 9, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (unamended claims appear below in small type and italics for ease of reference, and separate sheets are attached containing marked-up versions of amended claims):

1. (Thrice Amended) A method of validating articles of currency, comprising:
- checking, prior to determining whether or not the article is to be accepted or rejected, the measured properties of an article against a plurality of sets of criteria, each set corresponding to a predetermined type of article;
- determining whether the article is a valid type of one of the predetermined types and issuing a signal indicative of whether the article is to be accepted or rejected; and

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